

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER (RCL) NO. 00-23

To: County Refugee Coordinators

This letter transmits final allocations to counties for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2000 Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) and Targeted Assistance (TA) Programs. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) published the Final Notice of Allocations to States of FY 2000 Funds for Refugee Social Services and the Availability of Formula Allocation Funding for the FY 2000 Targeted Assistance Grants for Services to Refugees in Local Areas of High Need in the Federal Register on August 3, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 150, Pages 47747 - 47756). Copies of these Notices may be accessed on the Funding Opportunities page of the Refugee Programs Branch's web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/refugeeprogram/>.

Enclosed are spreadsheets which show each county's final RESS, RESS Set-Aside, and TA allocations for FFY 2000. The allocation number, federal grant number, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number, grant period and service period for the grants are also referenced on the spreadsheets. Counties are authorized to begin expending funds for service delivery upon receipt of certification of their County Refugee Services Plans.

RESS Allocations

California's final RESS allocation is \$9,555,540, which includes \$1,695,807 in special Set-Aside fund for the purposes of 1) providing outreach and referral to ensure refugee access to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other programs for low-income working populations; and 2) hiring and training interpreters to enable refugees to have equal access to medical and certain legal services. The state's final RESS allocation is \$80,467 less than the proposed allocation of \$9,636,007.

The standard RESS funds, totaling \$7,859,733, less the fifteen percent (15%) allowance for state administration, have been allocated according to the conventional formula which is based on the number of adult refugees on aid in each eligible county who have been in the U. S. less than 60 months. Data was obtained from the most recent Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) file report (CalWORKs/RCA-ECA Group Totals < 60 Months), dated July 28, 2000.

An amount equal to approximately twenty-four percent (24%) of California's total RESS Set-Aside allocation, \$405,582, is being transferred to the California Department of Health Services which will allocate those funds to county Refugee Health Programs to augment medical interpreter training, CHIP outreach efforts and to improve refugee access to medical services.

The remaining Set-Aside funds, less the fifteen percent (15%) allowance for state administration, has been allocated to eligible counties by formula. The formula applied took into account that these funds may be used to provide outreach/referral and interpreter services to all refugees, regardless of their length of residency in the U.S., and that many of the programs to which refugees are to be referred are those specifically oriented toward children and families (e.g., CHIP, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Head Start, child care, etc.). The allocation methodology was based on the total number of refugees, adults and children, on aid in each eligible county (without regard to time in the U.S.) as a percentage of the total number in all eligible counties. Data was obtained from the MEDS files report (CalWORKs/RCA-ECA Group Totals) of July 28, 2000.

Counties are reminded that as a condition of receipt of Set-Aside funds, their County Refugee Services Plans must include a description of the services to be provided with the funds, including measurable goals and outcomes (e.g., number of refugees to whom outreach services were provided, number of interpreters trained/hired, etc.). In addition, counties must provide semi-annual narrative reports on the activities funded with RESS Set-Aside funds. The reports will be due to the RPB on the twentieth (20th) day following the close of the second and fourth quarters. A copy of the format for these reports is enclosed.

TA Allocations

The final TA grant for California is \$7,053,173, which represents a decrease of \$20,572 from the proposed grant of \$7,073,745. In order to receive TA funds, the state is required to submit an application to ORR by September 5, 2000. The state's application must include, for each county receiving funds, proposed performance goals for each of the six ORR performance outcome measures: Entered Employments, 90-Day Employment Retentions, Cash Assistance Reductions due to Employment, Cash Assistance Terminations due to Employment, Average Hourly Wage at Employment Entry, and Job Placements with Available Health Benefits. ***In order to ensure that the state's application is submitted in a timely manner, counties must complete the enclosed TA Annual Goal Plan for FFY 2000/01 and submit it to the Refugee Program Branch by close of business on August 23, 2000.*** Completed forms

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should be faxed to the attention of Lenore Schmidt, Manager of the Operations and Performance Bureau, at (916) 654-7187.

For questions regarding these allocations, please contact Phyllis Iwasaki, Manager of the Refugee Technical Services Bureau, at (916) 654-2387 or Brad Elftmann of her staff at (916) 654-7250. Questions regarding County Refugee Services Plans or the TA Annual Goal Plan should be directed to the appropriate Operations and Performance Bureau Analyst.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Robert A. Barton

Robert A. Barton, Chief
Refugee Programs Branch

Enclosures

**FINAL REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL SERVICES (RESS) ALLOCATIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2000**

\$ 7,859,733

(1) County	(2) Allocation Number	(3) (4) Adult refugees receiving RCA/CalWORKs who have been in the U.S. less than 60 months ¹		(5) County Standard RESS Allocation	(6) County Administrative Cost Allowance on Standard RESS Allocation	(7) County Standard RESS Service Dollars
		Number	Percent of Total	Based on Formula	@ 15% Maximum	
Alameda	RESS0001	441	5.10%	\$ 340,719	\$ 51,108	\$ 289,611
Fresno	RESS0002	255	2.95%	\$ 197,083	\$ 29,562	\$ 167,521
Los Angeles	RESS0003	2,408	27.84%	\$ 1,859,927	\$ 278,989	\$ 1,580,938
Orange	RESS0004	959	11.09%	\$ 740,898	\$ 111,135	\$ 629,763
Sacramento	RESS0005	2,574	29.76%	\$ 1,988,198	\$ 298,230	\$ 1,689,968
San Diego	RESS0006	810	9.36%	\$ 625,320	\$ 93,798	\$ 531,522
San Francisco	RESS0007	244	2.82%	\$ 188,398	\$ 28,260	\$ 160,138
San Joaquin	RESS0008	59	0.68%	\$ 45,429	\$ 6,814	\$ 38,615
Santa Clara	RESS0009	668	7.72%	\$ 515,756	\$ 77,363	\$ 438,393
Yolo	RESS0010	232	2.68%	\$ 179,045	\$ 26,857	\$ 152,188
Total		8,650	100.00%	\$ 6,680,773	\$ 1,002,116	\$ 5,678,657

State Operations Funds	\$ 1,178,960
Local Assistance Funds	\$ 6,680,773
Total California Standard RESS Award	\$ 7,859,733

Notes:

¹ Data from Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) File Report of July 28, 2000.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: 93.566

Grant Award No.: G-00-AA-CA-9110

Grant Award Period/Service Period: October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2002

**FINAL REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL SERVICES (RESS) SET-ASIDE ALLOCATIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2000**

\$ 1,695,807

(1) County	(2) Allocation Number	(3) (4) Refugee Adults and Children Receiving RCA/CalWORKs ¹		(5) County RESS Set- Aside Allocation Based on Formula	(6) County Administrative Cost Allowance on RESS Set-Aside Allocation @ 15% Maximum	(7) County RESS Set- Aside Service Dollars
		Number	Percent of Total			
Alameda	RSET0001	9,270	9.564%	\$ 104,888	\$ 15,733	\$ 89,155
Fresno	RSET0002	17,076	17.618%	\$ 193,215	\$ 28,982	\$ 164,233
Los Angeles	RSET0003	17,315	17.864%	\$ 195,913	\$ 29,387	\$ 166,526
Orange	RSET0004	10,947	11.294%	\$ 123,860	\$ 18,579	\$ 105,281
Sacramento	RSET0005	21,636	22.322%	\$ 244,803	\$ 36,720	\$ 208,083
San Diego	RSET0006	8,403	8.670%	\$ 95,083	\$ 14,262	\$ 80,821
San Francisco	RSET0007	2,093	2.159%	\$ 23,678	\$ 3,552	\$ 20,126
San Joaquin	RSET0008	3,598	3.712%	\$ 40,709	\$ 6,106	\$ 34,603
Santa Clara	RSET0009	5,399	5.570%	\$ 61,086	\$ 9,163	\$ 51,923
Yolo	RSET0010	1,189	1.227%	\$ 13,456	\$ 2,018	\$ 11,438
Total		96,926	100.000%	\$ 1,096,691	\$ 164,502	\$ 932,189

State Operations Funds		\$ 193,534
Transfer to California Department of Health Services (Contract No. J29067)		\$ 405,582
Local Assistance Funds		\$ 1,096,691
Total California RESS Set-Aside Award		\$ 1,695,807

Notes:

¹ Data from Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) File Report of July 28, 2000.

Set-aside funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Outreach and referral to ensure that eligible refugees access the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other programs for low income working populations; and
- Special interpreter training and the hiring of interpreters to enable refugees to have equal access to medical and certain legal services.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: 93.566

Grant Award No.: G-00-AA-CA-9110

Grant Award Period/Service Period: October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2002

**FINAL TARGETED ASSISTANCE (TA) FORMULA ALLOCATIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2000**

\$ 7,053,173

(1) County	(2) Allocation Number	(3) (4) Total California Five-Year Arrivals¹ FFYs 1994 - 1998		(5) ORR Allocation Based on Arrivals	(6) State Administration @ 5% Maximum	(7) County Allocation	(8) County Administration @ 15% Maximum	(9) Remainder for Services
		Number	Percent of Total					
Fresno	TAFO0001	1,802	3.02%	\$ 212,727	\$ 10,636	\$ 202,091	\$ 30,314	\$ 171,777
Los Angeles	TAFO0002	14,054	23.52%	\$ 1,659,084	\$ 82,954	\$ 1,576,130	\$ 236,419	\$ 1,339,710
Orange	TAFO0003	8,410	14.08%	\$ 992,806	\$ 49,640	\$ 943,166	\$ 141,475	\$ 801,691
Sacramento	TAFO0004	11,657	19.51%	\$ 1,376,117	\$ 68,806	\$ 1,307,311	\$ 196,097	\$ 1,111,214
San Diego	TAFO0005	7,714	12.91%	\$ 910,643	\$ 45,532	\$ 865,111	\$ 129,767	\$ 735,344
San Francisco	TAFO0006	6,355	10.64%	\$ 750,212	\$ 37,511	\$ 712,701	\$ 106,905	\$ 605,796
Santa Clara	TAFO0007	8,406	14.07%	\$ 992,334	\$ 49,617	\$ 942,717	\$ 141,408	\$ 801,310
Yolo	TAFO0008	1,349	2.26%	\$ 159,250	\$ 7,963	\$ 151,288	\$ 22,693	\$ 128,595
Total		59,747	100.00%	\$ 7,053,173	\$ 352,659	\$ 6,700,514	\$ 1,005,077	\$ 5,695,437

State Operations Funds	\$ 352,659
Local Assistance Funds	\$ 6,700,514
Total California TA Award	\$ 7,053,173

Notes:

¹ Includes Refugees (including Kurdish asylees and Amerasian immigrants from Vietnam), Entrants and Havana Parolees (For FFY 1999, Havana Parolees are based on actual data; for previous years, parolees are prorated based on each county's proportion of the four year (1995-1998) entrant population.).

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: 93.584

Federal Grant No.: G-00-TA-CA-1000

Grant Award Period/Service Period: October 1, 2000 - September 30, 2002.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2000/01
TARGETED ASSISTANCE ANNUAL GOAL PLAN**

County Name _____

Data are: (Check one) ☐ Unduplicated
☐ Duplicated

Caseload (CL)	FFY 1999/2000 Goal	FFY 1999/2000 Actual (as of <hr/> (Enter Date))	FFY 2000/01 Goal	FFY 2000/01 Actual
TOTAL				
TANF				
RCA				

Performance Measures: *Indicate a number and a percentage for each measure (except Average Wage at Placement).*

	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1. Entered Employment (Total)								
Full Time								
Part Time								
TANF								
Full Time								
Part Time								
RCA								
Full Time								
Part Time								

If you are using the number of cash assistance recipients placed in employment as the denominator for # 2 and #3, enter #:

	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2. Cash Assistance Terminations (Total)								
TANF								
RCA								
3. Cash Assistance Reductions (Total)								
TANF								
RCA								
4. Average Hourly Wage Placement								
5. Employment Retentions (Total)								
TANF								
RCA								
6. Entered Employment with Health Benefits								

Funding Source: Targeted Assistance Formula	\$
Narrative (If necessary, continue on blank page.): 	

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORTING
ON
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 1999 AND 2000
REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL SERVICES (RESS) SET-ASIDE FUNDS**

Schedule

Program progress reports are to be submitted no later than the 20th day following the end of the second and fourth quarters of the service period. A final progress report will be due 90 days following the end of the service period. Original reports should be mailed or faxed to:

California Department of Social Services
Refugee Programs Branch/Technical Services Bureau
744 P Street, MS 6-646
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 654-7187

In addition, a copy of the reports should be forwarded to your Refugee Program Operations Analyst.

Report Format/Content

- 1) Major program activities during the reporting period: Provide a brief description of major program activities, including ongoing tasks as well as those begun and/or completed during the reporting period.
- 2) Program accomplishments during reporting period: Describe program accomplishments and/or milestones toward program goal achievement which occurred during the reporting period. Include, in this section, any quantifiable program data, e.g., number of persons to whom outreach services were provided, number of persons enrolled in the programs, number of interpreters trained and/or hired, etc.
- 3) Problems experienced during reporting period: If applicable, describe any deviations or departures from the original program plan. Include actual/anticipated delays in task implementation/completion dates, and special problems encountered or expected. Indicate any actions taken to resolve problems encountered and the outcomes of these actions.
- 4) Program activities planned for the next reporting period: Briefly describe major activities to be undertaken during the next reporting period.
- 5) Other activities/information: Describe other relevant program activities and/or information during the reporting period.